(d) A total of 28 projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 2402.83 crores at Paradip Port, which is the only major port in Orissa, have been identified for inclusion in the Programme.

Improvement of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

2559. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects seeking financial assistance to improve the National Highways in Andhra Pradesh pending with Government for sanction;

(b) the funds alloted to Andhra Pradesh for the improvement of National Highways during the current year and the details of the projects; and

(c) the present stage of projects and the proposed plan for the implementation of subsequent phases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) 16 proposals of Andhra Pradesh Government are pending for consideration under Annual Plan 2005-06 for National Highway stretches entrusted to the State Government. These proposals are at various stages of scrutiny. However, their sanction or otherwise would depend upon the availability of funds and the proposal meeting the technical parameters/ requirements. The unsanctioned projects are likely to be carried over to the subsequent Annual Plans depending upon the *inter se* priority and availability of funds.

For the improvement of the National Highway stretches entrusted to State Government, Rs. 86.23 crore, including Permanent Bridge Fee Funds, have been allocated to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the current year.

Work on Golden Quadrilateral

2560. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 92 per cent of the work on the Golden Quadrilateral would be completed by December, 2005;